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Art Unit: 1714

TITLE: PRE-PAINT TREATMENT OF METAL AND PRODUCT THEREOF

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Introductory Comments

This paper responds to the Official Action mailed October 1, 2003 and is accompanied by a Request for Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee associated with entry of this amendment to Deposit Account 01-1250. Accordingly, this response is timely filed by April 1, 2004. Please enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.